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District Of Montana
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN MARSHALL MELCHER,

Defendant.

CR 17-119-BLG-SPW

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
FORFEITURE**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States' Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Doc. 21). Defendant Steven Marshall Melcher appeared before the Court on January 3, 2018, and entered a plea of guilty to the Indictment. He also admitted the forfeiture allegation. Melcher's plea provides a factual basis and cause to issue an Order of Forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d).

IT IS ORDERED:

THAT Melcher's interest in the following property is forfeited to the United States in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 924(d):

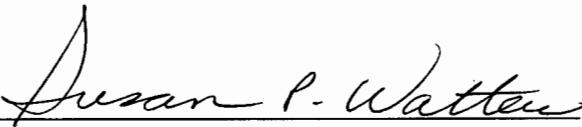
- 1) a Hi-Point, model CF 380, .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol, S/N P901255;

THAT the United States Marshals Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are directed to seize the property subject to forfeiture and further to make a return as provided by law;

THAT the United States will provide written notice to all third parties asserting a legal interest in any of the above-described property and will post on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) for at least 30 consecutive days as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Court's Preliminary Order and the United States' intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), and to make its return to this Court that such action has been completed; and

THAT upon adjudication of all third-party interests, if any, the Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture.

DATED this 22^d day of February, 2018.



SUSAN P. WATTERS
United States District Court Judge